

Montana House of Representatives
P.O. Box 200400
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EXHIBIT 2
DATE 2/8/13
HB 299

Pat Pyette

Dedicated husband, father, grandfather, veteran and civil servant

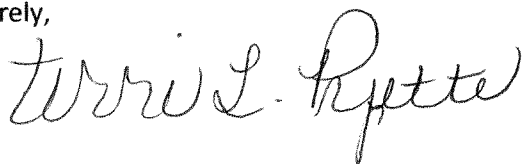
Dear Sir,

I was recently told that you are considering naming the stretch of Highway 2 West of Harlem, after my husband Pat Pyette. I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about Pat in order to assist you in your decision and to give you my sincere gratitude for such an honorable consideration.

Pat Pyette, my husband and the Blaine County Undersheriff, was killed on December 14, 2011 after being struck by a vehicle while directing traffic East of Chinook on Highway 2. Pat, a consummate servant to his country, community and family, was known as a hard working, honest and fair man. He always displayed such values as integrity, honor, loyalty and respect, qualities he was able to develop while serving his country for 20 years as a member of the United States Air Force. His selfless service was notable, developing the reputation in the community as the kind of guy that would give you the shirt off of his back. Pat dedicated his life to serving others proudly wearing a uniform and willingly putting his life on the line in defense of others. He did so without complaint and always with a chest full of pride.

When I was told that it was being considered to honor Pat, by naming the stretch of highway 2 East of Chinook after him, I was ecstatic. I thought what an honor. It would mean so much to Pat, his family, community and his fellow civil servants. I don't think that there is a more deserving profession to receive such an honor and if you choose to name this stretch of road after him you would not only be honoring Pat but all of the civil servants who have given their lives in the past and those that will give them in the future. I, the Pyette family and the communities in Blaine County thank you for your consideration of such an amazing honor.

Sincerely,



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February 1, 2013

State Representative Wendy Warburton, HD 34
c/o Montana House of Representatives
P. O. Box 200400
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Dear Representative Warburton and Committee Members:



Representative Warburton's introduction of House Bill 299 entitled, "An Act Establishing the Patrick A. Pyette Memorial Highway between Chinook and Zurich along U. S. Highway 2; Establishing the Joshua Raven Chief Thomas "Josh" Rutherford Memorial Highway between Zurich and Harlem along U.S. Highway 2; and providing an immediate effective date" is enormously appreciated.

Blaine County has suffered great losses with the deaths of Under Sheriff Patrick A. Pyette and Deputy Joshua Raven Chief Thomas "Josh" Rutherford – both dying in the line of duty. The contribution to the county cannot be measured and this recognition will be a lasting tribute to their memory and their service. Therefore, Blaine County wholeheartedly supports the passage of House Bill 299, and urges the legislators to vote "yes" for the bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Attest:


Dolores Plumage, Chairperson



Sandra L. Boardman, Clerk & Recorder


Frank DePriest, Commissioner


Charles Kulbeck, Commissioner

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Representative Wendy Warburton and other members of the Committee

From: Lieutenant John Colby

Re: House Bill 299, Deputy Sheriff Joshua Rutherford Memorial Highway, and
Undersheriff Pat Pyette Memorial Highway

I have seen the proposed draft of House Bill 299 and would like to voice my endorsement of this bill, making the stretch of US Highway 2 from Harlem MT to Zurich MT the Deputy Joshua Rutherford Memorial Highway, and the stretch of US Highway 2 from Zurich MT to Chinook MT the Undersheriff Pat Pyette Memorial Highway.

I started my Career in Harlem MT with Officer Josh Rutherford and saw the impact that he made on the community and the lives that he touched while with the City of Harlem. When he left the Harlem PD to continue his career with the Blaine County Sheriff's Department he continued to spend a large amount of his time in the Harlem area focusing on helping children and teens. Josh was an asset to the Sheriff's Department and is still talked about with dignity and respect from all that knew him, and those that he helped.

I met Undersheriff Pat Pyette in 2001 when he started as a Deputy Sheriff with Blaine County. Pat was one of the most likeable people I had met. You knew if you walked into a store for a pop that a two minute stop was going to take a lot longer than that if you were with Pat, he knew everyone in the area and treated everybody like they were family. Over the years Pats passion for his job grew and he was eventually promoted to Undersheriff. Pat was a caring and compassionate person who wanted to help all those around him.

Undersheriff Pat Pyette was struck by a vehicle and killed just west of Zurich on US Highway 2 when directing traffic for a broke down semi. Deputy Sheriff Joshua Rutherford was shot and killed just off of US Highway 2 when he responded to a Domestic.

When men like Undersheriff Pyette and Deputy Rutherford are killed it is a loss to friends, family, and the entire State of Montana. I believe that these Memorial Highway Designations serve as a tribute to the people who have protected the citizens of Blaine County and The State of Montana.

Thank you,

Lieutenant John Colby
Blaine County Sheriff's Department

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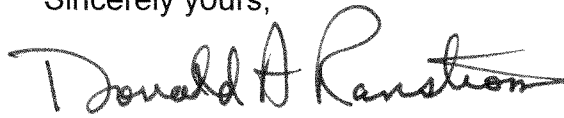
Glenn Huestis
Blaine County Sheriff
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Re: HB 299

Dear Glenn:

Please convey to the committee members my strong support for the passage of the referenced bill. Designation of a memorial highway for Deputy Josh Rutherford and Undersheriff Pat Pyette is a fitting and appropriate tribute to two law enforcement professionals who lost their lives in the line of duty. Such a designation provides a continuing reminder to the driving public of the sacrifice by these men while they were protecting the general public.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald A. Ranstrom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Donald A. Ranstrom
Blaine County Attorney

DR/tm

Regarding House Bill 299:

It would make our family very happy, and would be so appropriate, if HB 299, renaming a section of Highway 2 between Chinook and Zurich and Zurich and Harlem, on behalf of Pat Pyette, Undersheriff and Josh Rutherford, Blaine County Deputy, who lost their lives serving in these locations, could be honored with Memorial signs.

They should never be forgotten for their ultimate service and sacrifice to our communities.

These two men are so deserving of this testimony to their dedication. Signs memorializing these sections of Highway 2 would allow time and eternity to be the witnesses of their brotherhood and sodality in service to Blaine County.

Thank you.

Tuzz & Rita Langford
Chinook, MT